GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1187
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Assistance for Natural Calamities
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has asked Rs. 9370.49 crores for cyclone Phallin and floods and Rs. 383.74 crores for cyclones Lehar and Helen in 2013 and Rs. 4861.18 crores for cyclone Hudhud in 2014 whereas the Union Government has sanctioned only Rs. 770.15 crores, Rs. 181.89 crores and 737.82 crores respectively; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (b): The concerned State Governments undertake relief operations in the wake of natural disasters including cyclone from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their disposal. Under the prevailing guidelines, the first charge of relief expenditure is on the SDRF and in case of available resources of the State including the SDRF is inadequate, it is supplemented from NDRF after completion of the established procedure, which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team. Financial assistance under SDRF/ NDRF in the wake of natural disasters is by way of immediate relief and not for compensation of loss as suffered/ claimed. Additional expenditure, if any, incurred over and above or on other than approved items/ norms, is required to be met by the States from their own resources and not from SDRF/ NDRF.

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In this context, it is stated that the High Level Committee (HLC), in its meeting held on 24.09.2014, 14.01.2015 and 30.01.2015 inter-alia considered the memoranda, reports of the Inter-Ministerial Central Team, recommendations of the Sub-Committee of National Executive Committee (NEC) thereon and the extant items & norms of assistance from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), and approved the assistance of Rs. 770.15 crore, Rs. 181.89 crore, and 737.60 crore from NDRF, subject to adjustment of 75% of balance available in the SDRF account of the State for the instant disasters.

The State Government had projected their requirement over and above or on other than approved items/ norms, which are outside the purview of norms. These factors attribute the difference in demand of the state and actual approval from the GOI.

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